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The Emergency Response Branch was contacted on February 6, 1989, by a concerned citizen of Palos Hills, Illinois in regards to the conditions of the Deboer Landfill of Palos Hills. On March 1 and 3, 1989, conversations with John Maher and Tom Eno of the Illinois Environmental Protection (IEPA), indicated that no immediate threat existed at the Deboer Landfill, Palos Hills, Illinois. State of Illinois files showed that the landfill had been charged with several violations in September 1987, but there were no indications of any hazardous waste disposal at the site. The Deboer Landfill, currently inactive, accepted predominantly construction debris and waste (bricks, concrete, asphalt, rags, tires, etc.) during its years of operation; the landfill apparently accepted coal tar and oil products at one time, but no evidence exists to prove that this material has escaped to contaminate surface or ground water.

On July 16, 1987, an inspection of the Deboer Landfill conducted by the U.S. EPA's Field Investigation Team (FIT) for the U.S. EPA'S Pre-Remedial Unit, found no damage to flora or fauna and no evidence of "wastes" that could pose a direct contact hazard to the public. Monte Nienkirk of the Remedial Action group, IEPA, informed me that his office is awaiting the release of the U.S. EPA's hazard ranking system score, to be based on the July 1987 FIT report, before determining if further investigation of the site is warranted. Due to the lack of an apparent immediate threat to human health and the environment and the current actions being undertaken by U.S. EPA's Pre-Remedial Unit and the IEPA, the Emergency Response Section will take no further actions at the Deboer Landfill site at this time. However, if conditions change at the landfill in the future, Emergency Response may be forced to reevaluate its decision of no action.

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